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To combat international violence against women and girls.

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Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Ms. DeLauro, and Mr. Marshall) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To combat international violence against women and girls.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “International Violence Against Women Act of 2008”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Statement of policy.
- Sec. 4. Definitions.

TITLE I—COORDINATION AND POLICY PLANNING

- Sec. 101. Official positions and institutional changes.
- Sec. 102. Policy and programs.

Sec. 103. Inclusion of information on violence against women and girls in human rights reports.

TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Amendments to Foreign Service Act of 1980.

Sec. 202. Support for multilateral efforts to end violence against women and girls.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Violence against women and girls is rooted
4 in multiple causes and takes many forms, including
5 physical, sexual, and psychological. It affects all
6 countries, social groups, ethnicities, religions, and
7 socioeconomic classes and is a global health, eco-
8 nomic development, and human rights problem of
9 epidemic proportions.

10 (2) According to the World Health Organiza-
11 tion—

12 (A) approximately 1 in 3 of the women in
13 the world will experience violence in her life-
14 time, with rates of up to 70 percent in some
15 countries; and

16 (B) 1 in 5 of the women in the world will
17 be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her
18 lifetime.

19 (3) According to the 2006 United Nations Sec-
20 retary General's report entitled Ending Violence
21 Against Women, 102 member states have no specific
22 laws on domestic violence.

1 (4) Women and girls face many different types
2 of gender-based violence, including forced or child
3 marriage, so-called “honor killings”, dowry-related
4 murder, human trafficking, and female genital muti-
5 lation. The United Nations estimates that at least
6 5,000 so-called “honor killings” take place each year
7 around the world and that more than 130,000,000
8 girls and young women worldwide have been sub-
9 jected to female genital mutilation.

10 (5) The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS
11 Relief 2006 Report on Gender-Based Violence and
12 HIV/AIDS reports that violence against women is a
13 public health and development problem that signifi-
14 cantly increases susceptibility to HIV/AIDS. A
15 United Nations study on the global AIDS epidemic
16 found that in sub-Saharan Africa, women who are
17 15 to 24 years old can be infected at rates that are
18 up to 6 times higher than men of the same age.

19 (6) Recent studies in Africa indicate that be-
20 tween 16 and 47 percent of girls in primary and sec-
21 ondary school report sexual abuse or harassment by
22 male teachers or classmates. Girls who experience
23 sexual violence at school are also more likely to expe-
24 rience unintended pregnancies or become infected

1 with sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/
2 AIDS.

3 (7) Rape and sexual assault are weapons of war
4 used to torture, intimidate, and terrorize women and
5 communities. Amnesty International reports that
6 women have suffered from sexual violence during
7 conflicts in Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, Sierra
8 Leone, and most recently in the Democratic Repub-
9 lic of the Congo, where women have suffered from
10 brutal and systematic sexual assaults.

11 (8) Displaced, refugee, and stateless women and
12 girls in humanitarian emergencies, conflict settings,
13 and natural disasters face extreme violence and
14 threats because of power inequities, including being
15 forced to exchange sex for food and humanitarian
16 supplies, and being at increased risk of rape, sexual
17 exploitation, and abuse.

18 (9) According to the United States Agency for
19 International Development (USAID)—

20 (A) 70 percent of the 1,300,000,000 people
21 living in poverty in the world are women and
22 children;

23 (B) $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 876,000,000 illiterate adults
24 in the world are women;

1 (C) $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 125,000,000 school-aged
2 children who are not in school are girls;

3 (D) more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 27,000,000 refu-
4 gees in the world are women and children; and

5 (E) 1,600 women die unnecessarily every
6 day during pregnancy and childbirth.

7 (10) In 2003, the United Nations Special
8 Rapporteur on Violence Against Women concluded
9 that violence against women violates the basic
10 human rights of women, results in “devastating con-
11 sequences for women who experience it, traumatic
12 impact on those who witness it, de-legitimization of
13 States that fail to prevent it and the impoverishment
14 of entire societies that tolerate it.”.

15 (11) Violence against women is an impediment
16 to the health, opportunity, and development of
17 women and their societies. According to an October
18 2006 study of the United Nations Secretary General
19 entitled Ending Violence Against Women, “Violence
20 against women impoverishes women, their families,
21 communities and nations. It lowers economic produc-
22 tion, drains resources from public services and em-
23 ployers, and reduces human capital formation.”.

24 (12) The World Bank recognizes that women’s
25 health, education, and economic opportunities di-

1 rectly impact the development and well being of their
2 families and their societies. A 2001 World Bank Re-
3 port, entitled Engendering Development, reports
4 that greater gender equality leads to improved nutri-
5 tion, lower child mortality, less government corrup-
6 tion, higher productivity, and reduced HIV infection
7 rates.

8 (13) Increased access to economic opportunities
9 is crucial to the prevention of and response to do-
10 mestic and sexual violence. Both microfinance-based
11 interventions and increased asset control have been
12 shown to reduce levels of intimate partner violence
13 in addition to providing economic independence for
14 survivors.

15 (14) Campaigns to change social norms, includ-
16 ing community organizing, media campaigns, and ef-
17 forts to engage and educate men and boys, have
18 been shown to change attitudes that condone and
19 tolerate violence against women and girls and reduce
20 violence and abuse.

21 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

22 It is the policy of the United States—

23 (1) to promote women’s political, economic,
24 educational, social, cultural, civil, and human rights
25 and opportunities throughout the world;

1 (2) to condemn and combat violence against
2 women and girls, and to promote and assist other
3 governments in preventing and responding to such
4 violence;

5 (3) to promote ending violence against women
6 and girls around the world, whether the abuse is
7 committed directly by a foreign government, is im-
8 plicitly committed by such government through hos-
9 tile laws or de jure mandates to disenfranchise
10 women, or is committed by private actors and the
11 government fails to address the abuse;

12 (4) to encourage foreign governments to enact
13 and implement effective legal reform to combat vio-
14 lence against women and girls, and to encourage ac-
15 cess to justice, true accountability for abusers, and
16 meaningful redress and support for victims;

17 (5) to systematically integrate and coordinate
18 efforts to prevent and respond to violence against
19 women and girls into United States foreign policy
20 and foreign assistance programs, and to expand im-
21 plementation of effective practices and programs;

22 (6) to fully implement the comprehensive inter-
23 national strategy set forth in section 300G of the
24 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by this
25 Act, which provides assistance to eligible countries to

1 reduce and prevent gender-based violence with co-
2 ordinated efforts in the criminal justice, health, edu-
3 cation, and economic sectors;

4 (7) to support and build capacity of indigenous
5 nongovernmental organizations that are working to
6 prevent and respond to violence against women and
7 girls, particularly women’s nongovernmental organi-
8 zations, and to support and encourage United States
9 organizations working in partnership with such non-
10 governmental organizations;

11 (8) to prevent and respond to violence against
12 women and girls through multisectoral methods,
13 working at individual, family, community, local, na-
14 tional, and international levels and incorporating
15 service, prevention, training, and advocacy activities
16 and economic, education, health, legal, and protec-
17 tive intervention services;

18 (9) to coordinate activities with recipient coun-
19 try governments, as appropriate, and with other bi-
20 lateral, multilateral, nongovernmental, and private
21 sector actors active in the relevant sector and coun-
22 try;

23 (10) to foster international and regional co-
24 operation with an aim towards defining regional
25 strategies, as appropriate, for preventing and re-

1 sponding to violence against women and girls, and
2 exchanging data and successful strategies;

3 (11) to work through international organiza-
4 tions of which the United States is a member, in-
5 cluding the United Nations and its specialized agen-
6 cies, funds and programs to encourage, promote,
7 and advocate for stronger efforts and policies to pre-
8 vent and end violence against women and girls;

9 (12) to enhance training and other programs to
10 prevent and respond to violence against women and
11 girls in humanitarian relief, conflict, and post-con-
12 flict operations;

13 (13) to enhance training by United States per-
14 sonnel of professional foreign military and police
15 forces and judicial officials to include specific and
16 thorough instruction on preventing and responding
17 to violence against women and girls;

18 (14) to press for the implementation of policies
19 and practices in global peace and security efforts, in-
20 cluding United Nations peacekeeping and policing
21 operations, that prevent and respond to violence
22 against women and girls and hold personnel account-
23 able for the full implementation of these policies and
24 practices.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.—

4 The term “violence against women and girls” has
5 the meaning given the term in section 300A(1) of
6 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by
7 this Act.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The term “eligible
9 countries” has the meaning given the term in section
10 300A(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as
11 added by this Act.

12 **TITLE I—COORDINATION AND**
13 **POLICY PLANNING**

14 **SEC. 101. OFFICIAL POSITIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL**
15 **CHANGES.**

16 Chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act
17 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2166 et seq.) is amended by adding
18 at the end the following:

19 **“TITLE XIII—INTERNATIONAL**
20 **PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE**
21 **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

22 **“SEC. 300A. DEFINITIONS.**

23 “In this title:

24 “(1) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.—

25 The term ‘violence against women and girls’—

1 “(A) means any act of gender-based vio-
2 lence against women or girls committed because
3 of their gender that results in, or is likely to re-
4 sult in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm
5 or suffering to women, including threats of such
6 acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of lib-
7 erty, whether occurring in public or private life;
8 and

9 “(B) includes—

10 “(i) physical, sexual, and psycho-
11 logical violence occurring in the family, in-
12 cluding battering, sexual abuse of female
13 children in the household, dowry-related vi-
14 olence, marital rape, female genital mutila-
15 tion and other traditional practices harm-
16 ful to women, nonspousal violence, and vio-
17 lence related to exploitation;

18 “(ii) physical, sexual, and psycho-
19 logical violence occurring within the gen-
20 eral community, including rape, sexual
21 abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation
22 at work, in educational institutions and
23 elsewhere, trafficking in women, and forced
24 prostitution; and

1 “(iii) physical, sexual, and psycho-
2 logical violence perpetrated or condoned by
3 the state, wherever it occurs.

4 “(2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The term ‘eligible
5 countries’ means countries that are not classified as
6 high-income countries in the most recent edition of
7 the World Development Report for Reconstruction
8 and Development published by the International
9 Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

10 **“Subtitle A—Official Positions and**
11 **Institutional Changes**

12 **“SEC. 300B. OFFICE OF WOMEN’S GLOBAL INITIATIVES.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
14 Office of the Secretary of State in the Department of
15 State, the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives. The office
16 shall be headed by the Coordinator of the Office of Wom-
17 en’s Global Initiatives (referred to in this title as the ‘Co-
18 ordinator’), who shall be appointed by the President, by
19 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Coor-
20 dinator shall report directly to the Secretary and shall
21 have the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

22 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Office of Women’s Global Ini-
23 tiatives shall be the sole office coordinating all efforts of
24 the United States Government regarding international
25 women’s issues and is intended to replace the Office of

1 International Women’s Issues in the Office of the Under
2 Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs in the De-
3 partment of State.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall have the fol-
5 lowing responsibilities:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator shall—

7 “(A) design, oversee, and coordinate activi-
8 ties and programs of the United States Govern-
9 ment relating to international women’s issues;
10 and

11 “(B) direct United States Government re-
12 sources to—

13 “(i) prevent and respond to violence
14 against women and girls throughout the
15 world; and

16 “(ii) develop the comprehensive inter-
17 national strategy described in section 300G
18 to reduce violence against women and girls.

19 “(2) PRINCIPAL ADVISOR.—The Coordinator
20 shall serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary
21 of State regarding foreign policy matters relating to
22 women, including violence against women and girls.

23 “(3) COORDINATING ROLE.—The Coordinator
24 shall—

1 “(A) oversee and coordinate all resources
2 and activities of the United States Government
3 to combat violence against women and girls
4 internationally, including developing strategies
5 for the integration of efforts to prevent and re-
6 spond to gender-based violence into United
7 States assistance programs;

8 “(B) coordinate all policies, programs, and
9 funding related to violence against women and
10 girls internationally of the Department of State,
11 including—

12 “(i) the Bureau of Population, Refu-
13 gees, and Migration;

14 “(ii) the Bureau of Democracy,
15 Human Rights, and Labor;

16 “(iii) the Bureau for International
17 Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs;

18 “(iv) the Bureau of Education and
19 Cultural Affairs;

20 “(v) the Bureau of Political Military
21 Affairs;

22 “(vi) the Bureau of International Or-
23 ganizations Affairs;

24 “(vii) the Bureau of Economic and
25 Business Affairs;

1 “(viii) the Foreign Service Institute;
2 “(ix) the Office of the Coordinator for
3 Reconstruction and Stabilization;
4 “(x) the Office to Monitor and Com-
5 bat Trafficking in Persons;
6 “(xi) the Office of the United States
7 Global AIDS Coordinator; and
8 “(xii) all regional bureaus and offices;
9 “(C) coordinate all policies, programs, and
10 funding related to violence against women and
11 girls internationally in the Department of Jus-
12 tice, the Department of Labor, the Department
13 of Health and Human Services, the Department
14 of Defense, and the Department of Homeland
15 Security;
16 “(D) coordinate all policies, programs, and
17 funding relating to violence against women and
18 girls internationally in the United States Agen-
19 cy for International Development (USAID), in-
20 cluding the Women’s Global Development Of-
21 fice;
22 “(E) monitor and evaluate all such gender-
23 based violence programs administered by the
24 entities listed in subparagraphs (B) through
25 (D), as necessary;

1 “(F) coordinate all policies, programs, and
2 funding of the Millennium Challenge Corpora-
3 tion relating to violence against women and
4 girls internationally;

5 “(G) design, integrate, and, as appro-
6 priate, implement policies, programs, and activi-
7 ties related to women’s health, education, eco-
8 nomic development, legal reform, social norm
9 changes, women’s human rights, and protection
10 of women in humanitarian crises, including
11 those identified pursuant to section 300G(c);
12 and

13 “(H) encourage departments listed in sub-
14 paragraph (C) to create agency-specific pro-
15 grammatic guidelines on addressing violence
16 against women and girls internationally and
17 monitor implementation of those guidelines.

18 “(4) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject
19 to the direction of the President and the Secretary
20 of State, the Coordinator is authorized to represent
21 the United States in matters relevant to violence
22 against women and girls internationally in—

23 “(A) contacts with foreign governments,
24 nongovernmental organizations, the United Na-
25 tions and its specialized agencies, and other

1 international organizations of which the United
2 States is a member; and

3 “(B) multilateral conferences and meetings
4 relevant to violence against women and girls.

5 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of
7 fiscal years 2009 through 2013, under the heading ‘Diplo-
8 matic and Consular Programs’, to carry out activities
9 under this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this
10 subsection shall be under the direct control of the Coordi-
11 nator.

12 **“SEC. 300C. WOMEN’S GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, within
14 the United States Agency for International Development,
15 the Office of Women’s Global Development. The Office of
16 Women’s Global Development shall be headed by the Di-
17 rector of Women’s Global Development (referred to in this
18 title as the ‘Director’), who shall be appointed by the
19 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
20 ate. The Director shall report directly to the Adminis-
21 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
22 velopment and shall consult regularly with the Coordinator
23 of the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives.

24 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Office of Women’s Global De-
25 velopment shall be the sole office coordinating all efforts

1 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
2 ment (USAID) regarding international women’s issues
3 and is intended to replace the Office of Women in Develop-
4 ment in USAID in existence on the date of the enactment
5 of this title.

6 “(c) DUTIES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

8 “(A) integrate gender into all policies, pro-
9 grams, and activities of the United States
10 Agency for International Development to im-
11 prove the status of women, increase opportuni-
12 ties for women, and support the overall develop-
13 ment goals of United States programs and as-
14 sistance;

15 “(B) ensure that efforts to prevent and re-
16 spond to violence against women and girls are
17 integrated into United States Government for-
18 eign assistance programs at the strategic plan-
19 ning and country operational plan levels; and

20 “(C) monitor the manner in which such ac-
21 tivities are integrated, programmed, and imple-
22 mented in each country plan.

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of
25 fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out activities and

1 collaboration related to preventing and responding to gen-
2 der-based violence. Funds appropriated pursuant to this
3 subsection shall be under the direct control of the Direc-
4 tor. Such funds are in addition to amounts otherwise
5 available for such purposes.

6 **“SEC. 300D. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL**
7 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
9 the Department of State an Advisory Commission on
10 International Violence Against Women (in this section re-
11 ferred to as the ‘Advisory Commission’).

12 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 “(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Advisory Commis-
14 sion shall be composed of—

15 “(A) the Coordinator of Women’s Global
16 Initiatives, who shall serve as chair, and the Di-
17 rector of the Women’s Global Development Of-
18 fice, both of whom shall serve ex officio as non-
19 voting members of the Advisory Commission;

20 “(B) 8 members appointed by the Sec-
21 retary of State who are not officers or employ-
22 ees of the Federal Government;

23 “(C) 3 members appointed by the Presi-
24 dent pro tempore of the Senate on the joint rec-

1 commendation of the majority and minority lead-
2 ers of the Senate; and

3 “(D) 3 members appointed by the Speaker
4 of the House of Representatives on the joint
5 recommendation of the majority and minority
6 leaders of the House of Representatives.

7 “(2) SELECTION.—Members of the Advisory
8 Commission shall be selected from among—

9 “(A) distinguished individuals noted for
10 their knowledge and experience in fields rel-
11 evant to the issue of international violence
12 against women and girls, including foreign af-
13 fairs, human rights, and international law;

14 “(B) representatives of nongovernmental
15 organizations and other institutions having
16 knowledge and expertise related to violence
17 against women and girls; and

18 “(C) academics representative of the var-
19 ious scholarly approaches to the issue of inter-
20 national violence against women and girls.

21 “(3) TIME OF APPOINTMENT.—The appoint-
22 ments required under paragraph (1) shall be made
23 not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this title.

1 “(4) TERMS.—The term of each member ap-
2 pointed to the Advisory Commission shall be 3 years.
3 Members shall be eligible for reappointment to a sec-
4 ond term.

5 “(c) DUTIES.—The Advisory Commission shall—

6 “(1) annually make recommendations to the
7 Secretary of State regarding best practices to pre-
8 vent and respond to violence against women and
9 girls internationally and the effective integration of
10 such practices into the foreign policy of the United
11 States, including assistance programming; and

12 “(2) consult with members of the United States
13 Government and with private groups and individuals
14 on the prevention and response to international vio-
15 lence against women and girls.

16 “(d) HEARINGS.—In carrying out this section, the
17 Advisory Commission may conduct such hearings, sit and
18 at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive
19 such evidence, as the Advisory Commission considers ap-
20 propriate.

21 “(e) FUNDING.—Members of the Advisory Commis-
22 sion shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem
23 in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized for employees
24 of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
25 United States Code, while away from their homes or reg-

1 ular places of business in the performance of duties for
2 the Advisory Commission.

3 “(f) REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION.—Not
4 later than May 1 of each year, the Advisory Commission
5 shall submit a report to the President, the Secretary of
6 State, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
7 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
8 Representatives that sets forth its findings and rec-
9 ommendations for United States policy and programs.

10 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 for each of the
12 fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out this section.”.

13 **SEC. 102. POLICY AND PROGRAMS.**

14 Chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act
15 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2166 et seq.), as amended by section
16 101, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 **“Subtitle B—Policy and Programs**

19 **“SEC. 300G. COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY**
20 **TO REDUCE AND PREVENT VIOLENCE**
21 **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

22 “(a) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
23 STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the
24 enactment of this title, the President, with the assistance
25 of the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives and Di-

1 rector of Women’s Global Development, shall develop and
2 commence implementation of a comprehensive, 5-year
3 international strategy to prevent and respond to violence
4 against women and girls internationally, and shall submit
5 it to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
6 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 “(b) COLLABORATION.—In developing the strategy
9 under subsection (a), the President, with the assistance
10 of the Coordinator, shall consult with—

11 “(1) the Secretary of State, including the of-
12 fices and bureaus listed in section 300B(c)(3)(B),
13 other executive agencies listed in section
14 300B(c)(3)(C), United States aid agencies and of-
15 fices as listed in section 300B(c)(3)(D), the Millen-
16 nium Challenge Corporation listed in section
17 300B(c)(3)(F), and Interagency Task Force to Mon-
18 itor and Combat Trafficking; and

19 “(2) nongovernmental organizations with dem-
20 onstrated expertise working on violence against
21 women and girls, women’s health, or women’s em-
22 powerment issues internationally.

23 “(c) CONTENT.—The strategy developed under sub-
24 section (a) shall—

1 “(1) identify between 10 and 20 eligible coun-
2 tries that are geographically, ethnically, and cul-
3 turally diverse, and have severe levels of violence
4 against women and girls;

5 “(2) describe the nature and extent of violence
6 against women and girls in each country;

7 “(3) identify how and to what extent the vio-
8 lence against women and girls in each country is
9 negatively affecting goals of improving the health,
10 education, economic, democracy and civic participa-
11 tion, criminal justice, and internally displaced per-
12 sons and refugee management sectors in such coun-
13 try and its region;

14 “(4) assess the efforts of the government in
15 each country to prevent and respond to violence
16 against women and girls and assess the potential ca-
17 pacity of each country to manage 2 or more of the
18 gender violence-based program activities identified
19 under subsection (d);

20 “(5)(A) describe the programs to be undertaken
21 in cooperation with the governments of each country
22 in specific areas for progress in preventing and re-
23 sponding to violence against women and girls;

24 “(B) identify resources to help implement pro-
25 grams; and

1 “(C) encourage development of national action
2 plans;

3 “(6) for each country, identify 2 or more of the
4 program activities listed in subsection (d) and de-
5 scribe how the selected programs will prevent and
6 respond to the problem of violence against women
7 and girls, including—

8 “(A) increasing legal and judicial protec-
9 tions;

10 “(B) enhancing the capacity of the health
11 sector to respond to such violence;

12 “(C) increasing opportunities for women
13 and girls in education and economic develop-
14 ment; or

15 “(D) promoting societal awareness and
16 changing social norms;

17 “(7) include, as appropriate, strategies designed
18 to accommodate the needs of stateless, internally
19 displaced, refugee, or religious or ethnic minority
20 women and girls;

21 “(8) project general levels of resources needed
22 on an annual basis to achieve the stated objective in
23 each country, taking into account activities and
24 funding provided by other donor country govern-

1 ments and other multilateral institutions and
2 leveraging private sector resources;

3 “(9) include potential coordination with existing
4 programs, initiatives, and expertise on preventing
5 and responding to violence against women and girls
6 that exist within nongovernmental organizations, in-
7 cluding in-country, civil society organizations, par-
8 ticularly women’s organizations and community-
9 based groups;

10 “(10) identify the Federal departments and
11 agencies involved in the execution of the relevant
12 program activities; and

13 “(11) describe the monitoring and evaluation
14 mechanisms established for each country and how
15 they will be used to assess overall progress in pre-
16 venting and responding to violence against women
17 and girls.

18 “(d) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.—Assistance
19 provided under this section shall be used to carry out, in
20 each of the countries identified in the strategy required
21 pursuant to subsection (a), 2 or more of the following pro-
22 gram activities:

23 “(1) Increasing legal and judicial protections
24 by—

1 “(A) supporting programs that strengthen
2 a coordinated community response to violence
3 against women and girls, including through co-
4 ordination between judges, police, prosecutors,
5 and legal advocates to enhance prospects for
6 perpetrator accountability;

7 “(B) supporting efforts and providing re-
8 sources to provide training and technical assist-
9 ance to police, prosecutors, forensic physicians,
10 lawyers, corrections officers, judges, and judi-
11 cial officials, and where appropriate, to non-
12 lawyer advocates and traditional community au-
13 thorities on violence against women and girls;

14 “(C) supporting efforts to reform and re-
15 vise criminal and civil laws to prohibit violence
16 against women and girls and create account-
17 ability for perpetrators;

18 “(D) enhancing the capacity of the justice
19 sector, including keeping official records of all
20 complaints, collecting and safeguarding evi-
21 dence, systematizing and tracking data on cases
22 of violence against women and girls, and under-
23 taking investigations and evidence gathering ex-
24 peditiously;

1 “(E) helping women and girls who are vic-
2 tims of violence gain access to the justice sector
3 and supporting them throughout the legal proc-
4 ess, including establishing victim and witness
5 units for courts and promoting support for sur-
6 vivor services, including hotlines and shelters;

7 “(F) promoting civil remedies in cases of
8 domestic violence that—

9 “(i) prioritize victim safety and con-
10 fidentiality and offender accountability;

11 “(ii) grant women and children re-
12 straining, protection, or removal orders
13 with appropriate criminal sanctions for vio-
14 lations against perpetrators of violence;

15 “(iii) strengthen and promote wom-
16 en’s custodial rights over children and pro-
17 tect children; and

18 “(iv) grant courts authority to provide
19 specific relief pursuant to a restraining or
20 removal order, including restitution, spous-
21 al maintenance, child support, payment of
22 debt, or return or equitable distribution of
23 property;

24 “(G) reducing the incidence of violence
25 against women and girls committed by govern-

1 ment officials by developing confidential mecha-
2 nisms for reporting violence against women and
3 girls committed by government officials and in-
4 stitutions and developing laws to punish the
5 perpetrators and remove immunity from state
6 officials;

7 “(H) promoting broader legal protection
8 for women and girls against all forms of vio-
9 lence against women and girls, such as female
10 infanticide and female genital mutilation, and
11 practices that are associated with higher rates
12 of violence against women and girls, such as
13 child and forced marriage; and

14 “(I) increasing the number of women advo-
15 cates trained to respond to violence against
16 women and girls at police stations, including
17 the creation of domestic violence units and in-
18 creasing the number of women police.

19 “(2) Carrying out health care initiatives, includ-
20 ing—

21 “(A) promoting the integration of pro-
22 grams to prevent and respond to violence
23 against women and girls into existing programs
24 addressing child survival, women’s health, fam-

1 ily planning, mental health, and HIV/AIDS pre-
2 vention, care, and treatment;

3 “(B) training of health care providers, in-
4 cluding traditional birth attendants, on methods
5 to safely and confidentially assess women and
6 girls seeking health services for intimate part-
7 ner, family, and sexual violence;

8 “(C) developing and enforcing national and
9 operational women’s health, children’s health,
10 and HIV/AIDS policies that prevent and re-
11 spond to violence against women and girls, with
12 accompanying resources, including through co-
13 operative efforts with ministries of health;

14 “(D) developing information gathering sys-
15 tems within the health care sector that, con-
16 sistent with safety and confidentiality concerns,
17 collect and compile data on the type of violence
18 experienced by women and girls, access to care,
19 age of victims, and relationship of victims to
20 perpetrators;

21 “(E) working with governments to develop
22 partnerships with civil society organizations to
23 create referral networks systems for psycho-
24 social, legal, economic, or other support serv-
25 ices; and

1 “(F) integrating screening and assessment
2 for gender-based violence into HIV/AIDS pro-
3 gramming and other health programming into
4 all country operation plans, and increasing
5 women’s access to information, strategies, and
6 services to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.

7 “(3) Conducting public awareness programs to
8 change social norms and attitudes, including—

9 “(A) supporting women survivors of vio-
10 lence to educate their communities on the im-
11 pacts of violence;

12 “(B) engaging men, including faith and
13 traditional leaders;

14 “(C) providing funding and programmatic
15 support for mass media social change cam-
16 paigns; and

17 “(D) supporting community efforts to
18 change attitudes about harmful traditional
19 practices, including child marriage, female gen-
20 ital mutilation, and so-called ‘honor killings’.

21 “(4) Improving economic opportunities for
22 women and girls, including—

23 “(A) supporting programs to help women
24 meet their economic needs and to increase their

1 economic opportunities, in both rural and urban
2 areas, including through support for—

3 “(i) the establishment and develop-
4 ment of businesses (micro, small, and me-
5 dium-sized enterprises) through access to
6 financial and nonfinancial services; and

7 “(ii) education, literacy, and
8 numeracy programs, leadership develop-
9 ment and job skills training, especially in
10 nontraditional fields and expected growth
11 sectors;

12 “(B) supporting programs to help increase
13 property rights, social security, and home own-
14 ership and land tenure security for women by—

15 “(i) promoting equitable extension of
16 property and inheritance rights, particu-
17 larly rights to familial and marital prop-
18 erty;

19 “(ii) promoting legal literacy, includ-
20 ing among faith and traditional leaders,
21 about women’s property rights; and

22 “(iii) helping women to make land
23 claims and protecting women’s existing
24 claims and advocating for equitable land ti-
25 tling and registration for women, including

1 safeguards for women title-holders in the
2 case of domestic violence disputes;

3 “(C) integrating activities to prevent and
4 respond to violence against women and girls
5 into existing economic opportunity programs
6 by—

7 “(i) integrating education on violence
8 against women and girls into women’s
9 microfinance, microenterprise, and job
10 skills training programs; and

11 “(ii) training providers of economic
12 opportunity services and programs in sen-
13 sitivity to violence against women and
14 girls; and

15 “(D) addressing violence against women
16 and girls in the workplace.

17 “(5) Improving educational opportunities for
18 women and girls, including—

19 “(A) supporting efforts and providing re-
20 sources to provide training for all teachers and
21 school administrators on school-related violence,
22 in particular increasing awareness of violence
23 against women and girls, and to improve re-
24 porting, referral, and implementation of codes
25 of conduct;

1 “(B) working to ensure the safety of girls
2 during their travel to and from school and on
3 school grounds;

4 “(C) including programs for girls and boys
5 on the unacceptability of violence against
6 women and girls; and

7 “(D) conducting national and baseline sur-
8 veys to collect data on school-related violence
9 against women and girls.

10 **“SEC. 300H. ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL VIO-**
11 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS INTER-**
12 **NATIONALLY.**

13 “(a) COORDINATING EXISTING AID PROGRAMS.—
14 The Coordinator of the Women’s Global Initiatives, work-
15 ing with the Director of the Office of Women’s Global De-
16 velopment, shall ensure that existing programs, contracts,
17 grants, agreements, and foreign assistance under this Act,
18 the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22
19 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), the Trafficking Victims Protection
20 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), the United States
21 Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
22 Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7601 et seq.), the Support for
23 East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22
24 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), the FREEDOM Support Act (22
25 U.S.C. 5851 et seq.), and other Acts authorizing foreign

1 assistance incorporate, as applicable, measures to prevent
2 and respond to violence against women and girls.

3 “(b) AUTHORITY.—To implement and execute the
4 comprehensive international strategy developed pursuant
5 to section 300G, the President is authorized to provide
6 assistance to nongovernmental organizations, multilateral
7 institutions, and foreign countries for program activities
8 described in section 300G(d).

9 “(c) ALLOCATE NEW FUNDING.—The Coordinator of
10 the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives is authorized to
11 allocate funds to implement and execute the comprehen-
12 sive international strategy developed pursuant to section
13 300G.

14 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Any funds made available
15 under this section to nongovernmental organizations must
16 be designated to organizations that have demonstrated ex-
17 pertise regarding violence against women and girls inter-
18 nationally, or that are in partnership with such organiza-
19 tions and that have demonstrated capabilities or expertise
20 in a particular program activity described in subsection
21 300G(d).

22 “(e) GRANTS TO WOMEN’S NONGOVERNMENTAL OR-
23 GANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZA-
24 TIONS.—Not less than 10 percent of the funds awarded
25 in a fiscal year under this section shall be awarded to

1 women’s nongovernmental organizations and community-
2 based organizations.

3 “(f) AWARD PROCESS.—Funds awarded under this
4 section shall be provided through an open, competitive,
5 and transparent process where possible.

6 “(g) CONDITIONS.—Entities receiving funds awarded
7 through the grant program established under this sec-
8 tion—

9 “(1) should include the collection of data and
10 the evaluation of program effectiveness;

11 “(2) should be responsible for developing and
12 reporting on outcomes related to preventing and re-
13 sponding to violence against women and girls;

14 “(3) should gather input from women’s non-
15 governmental organizations or community-based or-
16 ganizations, including organizations with expertise in
17 preventing and responding to violence against
18 women and girls; and

19 “(4) shall consider the safety of women and
20 girls as a primary concern in deciding how to design,
21 implement, monitor, and evaluate programs.

22 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
24 appropriated to the Office of Women’s Global Initia-
25 tives \$175,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009

1 through 2013 to carry out this section and section
2 300G.

3 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts ap-
4 propriated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain
5 available until expended.

6 “(3) NONSUPPLANTATION.—Funds authorized
7 and appropriated under this Act shall supplement,
8 not supplant, existing funds otherwise available for
9 activities under this title.

10 **“SEC. 300I. ANNUAL REPORT ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS**
11 **TO END INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST**
12 **WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 submission of the comprehensive international strategy de-
15 veloped under section 300G, and annually thereafter, the
16 Secretary of State, assisted by the Coordinator of Wom-
17 en’s Global Initiatives, shall submit to Congress a report
18 to be entitled the ‘Report on International Violence
19 Against Women and Girls’.

20 “(b) CONTENT.—The report required under sub-
21 section (a) shall include the following:

22 “(1) The goals and objectives of the comprehen-
23 sive international strategy developed under section
24 300G(a).

1 “(2) The specific criteria used to determine the
2 effectiveness of the strategy.

3 “(3) A description of the coordination of all
4 United States Government resources and inter-
5 national activities to prevent and respond to the
6 problem of violence against women and girls, includ-
7 ing—

8 “(A) an identification of the Federal agen-
9 cies involved;

10 “(B) a description of the coordination be-
11 tween Federal agencies and departments, in-
12 cluding those acting in the eligible countries;
13 and

14 “(C) a description of the coordination with
15 non-United States Government entities, includ-
16 ing the governments of eligible countries, multi-
17 lateral organizations and institutions, and non-
18 governmental organizations.

19 “(4) A description of the relationship between
20 efforts to prevent and respond to violence against
21 women and girls internationally and other United
22 States assistance strategies in developing countries
23 and diplomatic relationships.

1 “(5) A description of efforts to include gender-
2 based violence in United States diplomatic and
3 peacemaking initiatives.

4 “(6) A description of any significant efforts by
5 bilateral and multilateral donors in support of pre-
6 venting and responding to international violence
7 against women and girls.

8 “(7) A description of the implementation of the
9 agency-specific guidelines described in section
10 300B(c)(3)(H).

11 “(8) A description of the activities of, and fund-
12 ing provided for programs that prevent and respond
13 to violence against women and girls in humanitarian
14 relief, conflict and post-conflict operations, including
15 violence perpetrated by humanitarian workers.

16 “(9) A description of United States training of
17 foreign military and police forces, judicial officials,
18 and humanitarian relief grantees to prevent and re-
19 spond to violence against women and girls.

20 “(10) A description of data collection efforts
21 conducted under this title.

22 “(11) Identification of all contractors, sub-
23 contractors, grantees, and subgrantees receiving
24 United States funds for preventing and responding
25 to violence against women and girls.

1 “(12) Recommendations related to best prac-
2 tices, effective strategies, and suggested improve-
3 ments to enhance the impact of efforts to prevent
4 and respond to violence against women and girls.

5 “(13) A description of efforts to evaluate the
6 accountability and efficacy of the programs funded
7 pursuant to section 300H(g).

8 “(14) A compilation of the descriptions on the
9 nature and extent of violence against women and
10 girls included in the annual Human Rights Reports
11 required under section 116(d) of this Act.

12 “(15) The identification of countries or regions
13 with critical outbreaks of violence against women
14 and girls described in subsection 300L(h), includ-
15 ing—

16 “(A) an analysis of the situations, includ-
17 ing the factors driving the violence, the role of
18 government, militia, rebel, or other armed
19 forces in the violence; and

20 “(B) an analysis of United States and
21 other multilateral, bilateral, or governmental ef-
22 forts to prevent or respond to the violence, as-
23 sist survivors, or hold the perpetrators account-
24 able.

1 “(16) A description of United States resources
2 that are being used—

3 “(A) to assist in efforts to prevent or re-
4 spond to the critical outbreaks of violence de-
5 scribed in section 300L(h);

6 “(B) assist survivors of such violence;

7 “(C) hold perpetrators accountable for
8 such violence; and

9 “(D) encourage all parties to the armed
10 conflict to protect women and girls from vio-
11 lence.

12 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
14 to meet the reporting requirements under this section—

15 “(1) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

16 “(2) \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010
17 through 2013.

18 **“SEC. 300J. DATA COLLECTION.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator of Women’s
20 Global Initiatives, assisted by the Administrator of the
21 United States Agency for International Development and
22 the Director of the Women in Development Office, shall
23 be responsible for researching, collecting, monitoring, and
24 evaluating data related to efforts to prevent and respond
25 to violence against women and girls internationally.

1 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under
2 this section may be used for the following purposes:

3 “(1) To collect and analyze data on the scope
4 and extent of all forms of violence against women
5 and girls, including under-documented forms of vio-
6 lence and violence against marginalized groups. This
7 work may include original research or analysis of ex-
8 isting data sets.

9 “(2) To help governments of countries system-
10 atically collect and analyze data on violence against
11 women and girls, including both national surveys
12 and data collected by service providers.

13 “(3) To use internationally comparable indica-
14 tors, norms, and methodologies for measuring the
15 scope, prevalence, and incidence of violence against
16 women and girls.

17 “(4) To include data on violence against women
18 and girls in national and international data collec-
19 tion efforts, including those administered and funded
20 by the United States Agency for International De-
21 velopment, the Millennium Challenge Corporation,
22 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

23 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of

1 the fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out the activi-
2 ties under this section.

3 **“SEC. 300K. ENHANCING UNITED STATES TRAINING OF**
4 **FOREIGN MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES ON**
5 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

6 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
7 sure that United States programs to train foreign military
8 and police forces and judicial officials include instruction
9 on preventing and responding to violence against women
10 and girls internationally.

11 “(b) COVERED PROGRAMS.—The programs covered
12 under this section include—

13 “(1) activities authorized under this Act; and

14 “(2) activities under section 1206 of the Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3456) to
17 build the capacity of foreign military and police
18 forces to conduct counterterrorist operations or sup-
19 port military and stability operations in which the
20 United States is participating.

21 “(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State and
22 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Coordi-
23 nator of Women’s Global Initiatives, shall—

24 “(1) incorporate training on how to prevent and
25 respond to violence against women and girls into the

1 basic training curricula of foreign military and police
2 forces and judicial officials; and

3 “(2) ensure that United States assistance to
4 units involved in regional or multilateral peace-
5 keeping operations includes training on preventing
6 and responding to violence against women and girls
7 internationally.

8 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 is authorized to be appropriated \$8,000,000 for each of
10 the fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out the activi-
11 ties under this section.

12 **“SEC. 300L. ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND**
13 **GIRLS IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, PEACE-**
14 **KEEPING, CONFLICT, AND POST-CONFLICT**
15 **OPERATIONS.**

16 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘Inter-
17 Agency Standing Committee’ means the committee estab-
18 lished in response to United Nations General Assembly
19 Resolution 46/182 (1991).

20 “(b) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
21 AND THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
22 DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary of State and the Admin-
23 istrator of the United States Agency for International De-
24 velopment shall—

1 “(1) in consultation with the Coordinator of
2 Women’s Global Initiatives, provide assistance to
3 programs that prevent and respond to violence
4 against women and girls in all humanitarian relief,
5 conflict, and post-conflict operations, including—

6 “(A) building the capacity of nongovern-
7 mental organizations to address the special pro-
8 tection needs of women and children affected by
9 humanitarian, conflict, or post-conflict oper-
10 ations;

11 “(B) supporting local and international
12 nongovernmental initiatives to prevent, detect,
13 and report violence against women and girls;

14 “(C) conducting protection and security as-
15 sessments for refugees and internally displaced
16 persons in camps or in communities to improve
17 the design and security of camps, with special
18 emphasis on the security of women and girls;

19 “(D) supporting efforts to reintegrate sur-
20 vivors of a humanitarian relief, conflict, or post-
21 conflict operation through education, psycho-
22 social assistance, trauma counseling, family and
23 community reinsertion and reunification, and
24 medical assistance; and

1 “(E) providing legal services for women
2 and girls who are victims of violence during a
3 humanitarian relief, conflict or post-conflict op-
4 eration, including the collection of evidence for
5 war crime tribunals and advocacy for legal re-
6 form; and

7 “(2) require that all grantees deployed in hu-
8 manitarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict oper-
9 ations—

10 “(A) comply with the Inter-Agency Stand-
11 ing Committee’s Six Core Principles Relating to
12 Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;

13 “(B) train all humanitarian workers in
14 preventing and responding to violence against
15 women and girls, including in the use of mecha-
16 nisms to report violence against women and
17 girls;

18 “(C) conduct appropriate public outreach
19 to make known to the host community the
20 mechanisms to report violence against women
21 and girls; and

22 “(D) promptly and appropriately respond
23 to reports of violence against women and girls
24 and treat survivors in accordance with best
25 practices regarding confidentiality.

1 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
3 appropriated to the Department of State and the
4 United States Agency for International Development
5 \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009
6 through 2011 for programs described in subsection
7 (b)(1) that prevent and respond to violence against
8 women and girls in humanitarian relief, conflict, and
9 post-conflict operations, in addition to amounts oth-
10 erwise available for such purposes.

11 “(2) FUNDING NOT AT EXPENSE OF OTHER
12 HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS.—Any amounts appro-
13 priated pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be pro-
14 vided at the expense of other humanitarian pro-
15 grams.

16 “(d) ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY
17 FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The Adminis-
18 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
19 velopment, in consultation with the Coordinator of Wom-
20 en’s Global Initiatives, shall designate and deploy, as ap-
21 propriate, protection officers as an integral part of Dis-
22 aster Assistance Response Teams to ensure that programs
23 to prevent and address violence against women and girls
24 are integrated into humanitarian relief, conflict, and post-
25 conflict operations.

1 “(e) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—
2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this title, the Secretary of State shall submit a report
4 to Congress on efforts to—

5 “(1) require that all private military contracting
6 firms hired by the Department of State for humani-
7 tarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict operations—

8 “(A) demonstrate a commitment to ex-
9 panding the number and roles of women in such
10 operations;

11 “(B) train all contractors who will be de-
12 ployed to humanitarian relief, conflict, or post-
13 conflict operations in preventing and responding
14 to violence against women and girls, including
15 in the use of mechanisms to report violence
16 against women and girls;

17 “(C) conduct appropriate public outreach
18 to make known to the host community the
19 mechanisms to report violence against women
20 and girls; and

21 “(D) promptly and appropriately respond
22 to reports of violence against women and girls
23 and treat survivors in accordance with best
24 practices regarding confidentiality; and

1 “(2) assist women and girls formally involved
2 in, or associated with, fighting forces as part of any
3 multilateral or bilateral Disarmament, Demobiliza-
4 tion, Rehabilitation and Reintegration efforts by pro-
5 viding—

6 “(A) protection and suitable separate fa-
7 cilities for women and girls in demobilization
8 and transit centers;

9 “(B) equitable reintegration activities and
10 opportunities to women and girls, including ac-
11 cess to schooling, vocational training, employ-
12 ment, and childcare; and

13 “(C) essential medical care and psycho-
14 social support for women and girls who are vic-
15 tims of gender-based violence.

16 “(f) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-
17 FENSE.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

18 “(1) in consultation with the Coordinator of
19 Women’s Global Initiatives and the Director of the
20 Office of Military Affairs of the Bureau of Democ-
21 racy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance of the
22 United States Agency for International Develop-
23 ment, provide training in preventing and responding
24 to violence against civilian women and girls to all
25 United States military personnel, military contrac-

1 tors, military observers, and military police forces
2 who will be deployed to humanitarian relief, conflict,
3 and post-conflict operations;

4 “(2) in consultation with the Coordinator of
5 Women’s Global Initiatives and the Director of the
6 Office of Military Affairs of the Bureau of Democ-
7 racy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, estab-
8 lish mechanisms for reporting incidences of violence
9 against civilian women and girls by United States
10 military personnel, military contractors, military ob-
11 servers, and police forces participating in humani-
12 tarian relief, peacekeeping, and post-conflict oper-
13 ations; and

14 “(3) establish appropriate public outreach to
15 notify the civilian population of the mechanisms for
16 reporting incidences of violence against civilian
17 women and girls by United States military per-
18 sonnel, military contractors, military observers, and
19 police forces.

20 “(g) ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIAN
21 WOMEN AND GIRLS BY UNITED NATIONS PEACE-
22 KEEPERS.—

23 “(1) DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIVITIES.—The
24 Secretary of State shall encourage member states of
25 the United Nations—

1 “(A) to support expanding the number and
2 roles of female officers in all United Nations
3 peacekeeping missions, whether as military
4 forces, civilian police, or military observers; and

5 “(B) to routinely put forward the names of
6 qualified female candidates for senior United
7 Nations military and civilian management posi-
8 tions, particularly for overseas missions.

9 “(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ACTIONS
10 OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS.—It is the
11 sense of Congress that the Secretary-General of the
12 United Nations should continue to strengthen the
13 existing ability of the United Nations Department of
14 Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of
15 Field Support to prevent and respond to violence
16 against women and girls by United Nations military
17 and civilian personnel by—

18 “(A) requiring that troop contributing
19 countries properly train all soldiers on the
20 United Nations guidelines regarding appro-
21 priate conduct towards civilians, in particular
22 those guidelines that address violence against
23 women and girls, before participation in United
24 Nations peacekeeping missions;

1 “(B) supporting the expansion of the role
2 and number of female officers in all United Na-
3 tions peacekeeping missions, whether as mili-
4 tary forces, civilian police, or military observers;

5 “(C) strongly encouraging all United Na-
6 tions member states to routinely put forward
7 the names of qualified female candidates for
8 senior United Nations military and civilian
9 management positions, particularly for overseas
10 missions;

11 “(D) ensuring appropriate mechanisms are
12 in place for individuals to safely bring allega-
13 tions of violence against women and girls to the
14 attention of United Nations peacekeeping mis-
15 sion commanders and the United Nations Office
16 of Internal Oversight;

17 “(E) ensuring the capability and capacity
18 for the United Nations Office of Internal Over-
19 sight to investigate all credible allegations of vi-
20 olence against women and girls timely and effi-
21 ciently, and in a manner that protects the whis-
22 tleblower;

23 “(F) improving informational programs for
24 all United Nations personnel on their responsi-
25 bility to prevent violence against women and

1 girls and not to engage in acts of violence
2 against women and girls;

3 “(G) demanding that troop contributing
4 countries—

5 “(i) thoroughly investigate allegations
6 of their nationals engaging in violence
7 against women and girls while serving on
8 United Nations peacekeeping missions; and

9 “(ii) punish those found guilty of such
10 misconduct; and

11 “(H) continuing to permanently exclude in-
12 dividuals found to have engaged in violence
13 against women and girls as well as troop con-
14 tingent commanders and civilian managerial
15 personnel complicit in such behavior, from par-
16 ticipating in future United Nations peace-
17 keeping missions.

18 “(h) EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR CRITICAL OUT-
19 BREAKS OF VIOLENCE DURING CONFLICT OR POST-CON-
20 FLICT OPERATIONS.—

21 “(1) EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CRITICAL OUT-
22 BREAKS.—The Secretary of State, in consultation
23 with the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives,
24 the Director of National Intelligence, and the Sec-
25 retary of Defense, shall identify and take emergency

1 measures to respond to critical outbreaks of violence
2 against women and girls in situations of armed con-
3 flict when it is determined that the violence is being
4 used as a weapon of intimidation and abuse.

5 “(2) DETERMINATION.—Violence against
6 women and girls shall be determined to be a ‘critical
7 outbreak’ if—

8 “(A) a United States Government report,
9 allied government information, or credible non-
10 governmental or media accounts depict a wide-
11 spread pattern of violence against women or
12 girls, particularly rape and other forms of sex-
13 ual abuse, that is escalating in the number of
14 victims or brutality of attacks and that takes
15 place in an environment of relative impunity; or

16 “(B) escalating violence against women or
17 girls is part of an organized campaign by gov-
18 ernmental or rebel forces or militias.

19 “(3) EMERGENCY MEASURES.—Not later than
20 180 days after the identification of a critical out-
21 break, the Secretary of State, in consultation with
22 the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives, the
23 Director of National Intelligence, and the Secretary
24 of Defense, shall develop emergency measures to re-

1 spond to the outbreak identified under paragraph
2 (1).

3 “(4) CONSULTATION.—In developing emergency
4 measures under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
5 State, with the assistance of the Coordinator, shall
6 consult with—

7 “(A) nongovernmental organizations with
8 demonstrated expertise working on preventing
9 and addressing systematic violence against
10 women and girls as a weapon of intimidation
11 and abuse in situations of conflict and war; and

12 “(B) international organizations, such as
13 the United Nations and its subsidiary funds,
14 agencies, and programs, which are preventing
15 and addressing systematic violence against
16 women and girls as a weapon of intimidation
17 and abuse in situations of conflict and war.

18 “(5) CONTENT.—The emergency measures de-
19 veloped under paragraph (1) shall include a descrip-
20 tion of—

21 “(A) the bilateral and multilateral diplo-
22 matic efforts that the Secretary of State will
23 take to address the critical outbreak, includ-
24 ing—

1 “(i) efforts with the government in
2 which the violence is occurring, govern-
3 ments of the region in which the violence
4 is occurring, and other allied governments;
5 and

6 “(ii) efforts in international fora, such
7 as the United Nations and its subsidiary
8 agencies, funds and programs, including in
9 the United Nations Security Council, as
10 appropriate; and

11 “(B) the efforts by the United States Gov-
12 ernment to—

13 “(i) protect women and girls at risk in
14 a critical outbreak region;

15 “(ii) urge all parties to the armed
16 conflict to protect women and girls; and

17 “(iii) facilitate the prosecution of
18 those responsible for the violence in a crit-
19 ical outbreak area.

20 “(6) NOTICE.—The Secretary of State shall no-
21 tify Congress of efforts to respond to critical out-
22 breaks, including a description of the bilateral and
23 multilateral diplomatic efforts of the Department of
24 State.

1 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
 2 tion to amounts authorized to be appropriated under sub-
 3 section (c), there is authorized to be appropriated such
 4 sums as may be necessary for emergency measures, in-
 5 cluding the expansion of reporting mechanisms and pro-
 6 grams, for each critical outbreak of violence identified
 7 under this section.”.

8 **SEC. 103. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON VIOLENCE**
 9 **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN HUMAN**
 10 **RIGHTS REPORTS.**

11 Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
 12 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and” and
 14 inserting a semicolon;

15 (2) in paragraph (11)(C), by striking the period
 16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(12) wherever applicable, the nature and ex-
 19 tent of violence against women and girls, as defined
 20 in section 300A of this Act.”.

21 **TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS**

22 **SEC. 201. AMENDMENTS TO FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.**

23 (a) PERFORMANCE PAY.—Section 405 of the Foreign
 24 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3965) is amended by add-
 25 ing at the end the following:

1 “(f) PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.—Service in the
2 promotion of internationally recognized human rights, in-
3 cluding preventing and responding to violence against
4 women and girls (as defined in section 300A of the For-
5 eign Assistance Act of 1961), shall serve as a basis for
6 the award of performance pay.”.

7 (b) FOREIGN SERVICE AWARDS.—Section 614 of the
8 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4013) is amended
9 by inserting “and preventing and responding to violence
10 against women and girls (as defined in section 300A of
11 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961)” after “religion”.

12 (c) FOREIGN SERVICE TRAINING.—Chapter 2 of title
13 I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 212. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

16 “The Secretary of State, assisted by the Coordinator
17 of Women’s Global Initiatives, shall include, as part of the
18 standard training provided for officers of the Service (in-
19 cluding chiefs of mission), instruction on international vio-
20 lence against women and girls (as defined in section 300A
21 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961), including domestic
22 and sexual violence against women and girls in humani-
23 tarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict operations.”.

1 **SEC. 202. SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO END**
2 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

3 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Inter-
4 national Organizations and Programs Account \$5,000,000
5 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to support the
6 United Nations Development Fund for Women Trust
7 Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against
8 Women.

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